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ABSTRACT

These profiles describe the implementation of alternatives to a traditional high school diploma for programs based on demonstrated competencies or life skill experiences. Over 100 profiles are provided. The information is designed to assist adult educators, administrators, teachers, and students to identify various approaches for serving adults who do not have a high school diploma. A glossary appears first. The profiles are arranged by states, which appear in alphabetical order. Each profile contains the following information: program title, contact person with address and telephone number, program requirements, characteristics, assessment, certification, and program outcomes. The newest alternatives included here are competency-based adult high school diploma programs and external high school diploma programs. Appendixes include information on the Adult Performance Level Project and New York State External High School Diplima Program, as well as the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of state directors of adult education. (YLB)

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INTRODUCTION

Profiles of Alternative Adult Diploma Programs

The United States Department of Education is authorized under the Adult Education Act, P.L. 91-230, as amended, to provide funds to the States and outlying areas for educational programs and support services benefiting all segments of the eligible adult population. It is the purpose of the Act to encourage the establishment of programs of adult education that will enable adults 16 years old and older to 1) enable all adults to acquire basic literacy skills necessary to function in society, 2) enable adults who so desire to continue their education to at least the level of completion of secondary school, and 3) make available to adults the means to secure training that will enable them to become more employable, productive and responsible citizens.

The profiles described are designed to assist adult educators, administrators, teachers, and students to identify various approaches for serving adults who do not have a high school diploma. The information provided is field based and describes the implementation of alternatives to a traditional high school diploma for programs based on demonstrated competencies, or life skill experiences.

Many adults need a high school diploma for a variety of social, economic, or psychological reasons. According to the Census Bureau, over 10 million person between the ages of 16 and 34 are not in school and do not have a high school diploma.

Traditionally, alternative adult diploma programs represented three choices: 1) community college programs, 2) evening high school programs, and 3) the General Educational Development (GED) equivalency program. Today, the newest alternative to the more traditional approaches are the Competency-Based Adult High School Diploma Programs and the External High School Diploma Program.

Competency-Based Adult High School Diploma Program (CBAHSD) is an adult secondary education program in which demonstrated competency is the basis for granting a diploma. External diploma programs are competency-based high school diploma programs that credentials adults who demonstrate generalized life skill competencies in communication, computation, self-awareness, social awareness, consumer awareness, scientific awareness and occupational preparedness and an individualized competency in one of the following areas: academic, occupational, or a special talent.

Those readers wishing additional information on the programs described contact the program administrators or your state director.

The Division of Adult Education wishes to express its appreciation to all of those individuals who assisted us by providing information to be included in these profiles.

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GLOSSARY

Adult	An individual who has attained 16 years of age or who is beyond the age of compulsory school attendance under State law.
Adult Education	Instruction or services below the college level for adults who do not have the basic skills to enable them to function effectively in society; or a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education (and who have not achieved an equivalent level of education).
Adult Basic Education	Adult Education for adults whose inability to speak, read, or write the English Language constitutes a substantial impairment of their ability to get or retain employment commensurate with their real ability.
Adult Performance Level (APL)	A nationally certified research project funded by the U.S. Office of Education and conducted by the University of Texas, designed to determine and test the competencies needed by adults to function in society.
Competency	Demonstration of success in a life role activity.
Competency Based Adult Education (CBAE)	A performance based process leading to demonstrated mastery of basic and life skills necessary for the individual to function proficiently in society.
Competency Based Adult High School Diploma Program (CBAHSD)	An adult secondary education program in which demonstrated competencies are the criteria for granting diplomas.
General Educational Development (GED)	A testing program administered by the American Council on Education that, under contract to States, provides means for adults to obtain certificates of secondary education completion.
New York External High School Diploma Program	A nationally certified alternative high school credentialing program for adults who have acquired skills through their life experience and can demonstrate these skills in applied performance tests.

ALABAMA

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult and Veterans Program Division

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students must be 16 years old or legally exempt in order to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising through the newspaper and public service announcements. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: The University of Nebraska materials are used in the locally designed program. Teachers administer subject matter tests and the school board administers competency areas tested.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Approximately one hundred students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; fifteen graduated in program year 1984.

ALASKA

PROGRAM TITLE: Anchorage Community College High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Linda Hawkins
Coordinator, Adult Learning Center
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Anchorage, AK 99503
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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Carnegie units may be transferred from former high schools attended, attained through examinations, and earned at the community college. Other scholastic certification may also be accepted and converted to carnegie units. Students must complete a residency requirement.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 18 and over or who have received permission from the ABE Office are eligible to participate in the program. Referrals are from friends, high school and college counselors and military recruiters. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: Diagnostic tests are administered by teachers and GED proctors upon enrollment to assess math and reading achievements. Credit by examination is based on GED scores. GED scores of 50 or higher earn credits in those specific subjects tested. One credit is awarded for life skills credit.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued based upon earning 21 credits, the same number required by the local high school.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Fifty-nine students were enrolled in the 1984 fall semester and forty-four students graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: General Educational Development-Examination for Alaska. High School Diploma by Examination.

CONTACT PERSON: Constance Munro
Coordinator, South East Alaska
Adult Education Program
218 Front Street
Juneau, AK
(907) 586-6806

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on passing 5 GED test batteries and completion of requirements is not time based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years and over, or age 16 with parent and school board permission are eligible to enroll in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of agency referral, media publicity, posters, brochures, formal graduation, word of mouth, and the GED Hall of Fame. The program is located in an urban and rural area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: GED program officers or assigned testers administer the GED test.

CERTIFICATION: A State diploma is issued but "by examination" is stated on the diploma.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Over 1,100 students in 14 south east Alaska communities were enrolled in the 1984 fall semester. Two hundred twenty students graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult Basic Education Program

CONTACT PERSON: Josephine A. Parrott
Resource Teacher
P.O. Box 1004
Barrow, AK 99723
(907) 852-3437

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Practice tests and study materials are part of the requirements. Completion of requirements is not time based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 16 and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment is done by word of mouth, radio and television announcements, and posters. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: The Chief tester and the resource teacher administer teacher made diagnostic tests in Math and Language Arts.

CERTIFICATION: A state high school equivalency diploma is issued.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty-six students were enrolled in the 1984 fall semester and 7 students graduated in program year 198

PROGRAM TITLE: Alternative High School

CONTACT PERSON: Les Hamley
Director, Alternative High School
P.O. Box 808
Douglas, AK 99824
(907) 586-1507

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on completion of 21 carnegie units. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Anyone age 15 years old and over is eligible to participate in the program. Participants are recruited through referrals from high schools. This program is located in an urban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Counselors administer locally designed and standardized tests to students in order to measure competencies.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Seventy-five students were enrolled in the program during the fall of 1984. Seventeen graduated in program year 1984.

CALIFORNIA

PROGRAM TITLE: Watsonville/APTOS Adult School

CONTACT PERSON: James Eachus
Director, Watsonville/APTOS Adult School
550 Rodriquez Street
Watsonville, CA 95076
(408) 728-6330

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Credit is given for military and work experience. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 18 and older are eligible to participate in the program. An individual 16 can attend if he or she has the parents permission and a work permit. Dropouts must attend class a minimum of 12 hours a week. Participant recruitment consist of advertising in book mailings, on the radio, in newspapers and news releases. The program is located in a rural area and is based on portions of the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers or counselors administer standardized tests. The California Adult Student Assessment System materials are also used.

CERTIFICATION: A state diploma is issued and it is the same as that issued to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred seventy five students were enrolled during the fall of 1984; fifty-five graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult Learning Lab

CONTACT PERSON: Joellen Bruce
Coordinator, Salinas Adult School
431 West Alisal Street
Salimas, CA 93901
(408) 758-8429

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies and carnegie units. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 17 1/2 and over are eligible to participate in the program. Exceptions are made if there are no other education alternatives available for individuals under 17 1/2. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising in brochures, newspapers, and on the radio. The program is located in an urban area and is not based on either the Texas APL model or the New York External model.

ASSESSMENT: Locally designed tests are administered by the teachers.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty-eight graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: California State High School Proficiency Exam; General Educational Development; and Traditional Preparatory Programs

CONTACT PERSON: Lani Edie-Mcquinn
Dean, Non-Credit Education
Glendale College
1400 E. Broadway
Glendale, CA 91205
(818) 243-3184

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units. Individual progresses through required subjects.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults who are 16 years and older are eligible to participate in the program. Bulletins are mailed each semester to recruit students into the program. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Tests that are used to measure competencies totally depend on "subject and task" assigned. In some cases, it is the examiner who administers the test and in other cases, it is the classroom teacher.

CERTIFICATION: A student can be issued a local or state diploma, depending on the program he or she is enrolled in.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Ninety students were enrolled in the fall semester and 150 graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Maggie McCormack
Principal, Edward Shands Adult School
2455 Church Street
Oakland, CA 94605
(415) 638-8484

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on 16 carnegie units plus passing local proficiency tests. Completion of requirements is based on 5-9 week sessions annually (quinmester). A quinmester typically yields 3/4 carnegie units per course meeting.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 18 years of age and over are eligible to participate in the program. Participants are recruited through local newspaper ads, the media, word of mouth, and professional and agency referrals. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: The state requires that a High School proficiency test be taken. This test is administered by the teachers.

CERTIFICATION: A local school district adult high school diploma is issued.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Over 1,400 students were enrolled in the 1984 fall semester. Ninety-four graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: High School Lab-Independent Studies

CONTACT PERSON: Mary Rich
Dean of Academic Instruction
901 5th Street
Clovis, CA 93612-1397
(202) 299-3142

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. In addition, requirements are based on completion of instructional units, independent study contract and/or passing of unit tests.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults who have not completed high school are eligible to participate in the program. An individual must qualify as an adult school student. Participants are recruited through newspaper circulars. This program is located in an urban, rural, and suburban areas.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized, criterion-referenced, pencil and paper, and locally designed tests are all used to measure competencies. Teachers or personnel administer the test in the Assessment Center.

CERTIFICATION: A local adult High School Diploma is issued once the student completes the program.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: This is a new program. One hundred students were enrolled in the program the fall semester.

PROGRAM TITLE: Study Skills Laboratory

CONTACT PERSON: Lawrence M. Woodruff
Principal
China Community Adult School
5130 Riverside Drive
Chino, CA 91710
(714) 628-1205

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Previous credits and credits earned on work completed in lab are carnegie-based; some credits are allowed for GED test score equivalents and life skills competencies. Upon completion of the required course materials, a semester's credit is granted.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old are eligible to participate in the program, however, persons age 12 (Grade 7) may also be eligible. Recruitment consists of Community resource fair, newspaper ads and articles. The program is located in an uban-suburban area.

ASSESSMENT: Locally designed tests are administered by certified proctors. Standards of competence are set by the District.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as a regular high school graduate receives.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Approximately 2,000 students were enrolled in the fall semester. Forty-six graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Wanda A. Briscoe
Chief of Education
California Department of Corrections
630 "K" Street, P.O. Box 714
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 445-8035

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies and basic subject requirements of the cooperating school district that issues the diploma. Completion of requirements is not time-based but performance-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years of age and older participate in the program. Presentations are made at orientation sessions and classification committee meetings to recruit participants. The program is located in rural and suburban areas and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Some of the tests that are used to measure competencies include standardized, placement, and the Sharp Senior Skills Assessment. Instructors administer the tests.

CERTIFICATION: Local school district diploma is issued to program completers. A student can receive a regular high school diploma or an equivalency certificate depending upon his or her choice of study.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: In the fall semester 1,043 students were enrolled in the program. Three hundred forty-five graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Program

CONTACT PERSON: Keith Hayball
Assistant Chief of Education
Department of Corrections
P.O. Box 714, 630 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 445-8035

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on earning adult units and life skills competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Individuals must have reading and math skills comparable to the grade level. Referrals are from school programs. The program is located in urban, rural and suburban areas and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized and locally designed tests are administered by the teachers.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Cumulative averages are not maintained. Two hundred forty-five students graduated in program year 1984.

COLORADO

PROGRAM TITLE: St. Vrain Valley Adult Education Program

CONTACT PERSON: James K. Roarda
Director of Adult Vocational
& Community Education
Lucy Stronmquinist, Program Manager
621 Baker Street
Longmont, CO 80501
(303) 772-6161

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion or requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising in brochures three times a year. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized and locally designed tests are administered by the teachers.

CERTIFICATION: The state diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Two hundred fifty students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; Sixty six graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Jefferson County Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Charles McLain
Principal
2001 Hoyt Street
Lakewood, CO 80215
(303) 238-7847

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on completion of 15 carnegie units and competency tests in Language arts and Math. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 18 years old and over without a high school diploma are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment is done through the newspapers, recruiters for armed services, high school counselors, and by word of mouth. The program is located in a suburban area.

ASSESSMENT: Legally designed tests, independent studies, and learning packets are used to measure competencies. Teachers in learning labs administer the test.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that issued to high school graduates in other schools in the district.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Six hundred and fifty-six students were enrolled in the fall's first and second sessions. Two hundred nineteen graduated in program year 1984.

CONNECTICUT

PROGRAM TITLE: Fairfield Adult External High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Joseph F. Giorgio
Department Chair
Career, Vocational & Community Education
760 Stillson Road
Fairfield, CT 06430
(203) 255-8376

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on satisfactory completion of 64 competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: High school dropouts 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. An adult education brochure describes the program. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the New York External Diploma Program model.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized and competency-based tests are used to measure competencies. An advisor or assessment counselor administers the test.

CERTIFICATION: The local high school diploma issued is the same as granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty students were enrolled in the program in the fall. Eighteen graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Regional Adult External High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Jean Abeshouse
Director of Vocational & Adult Services
Cooperative Educational Services
P.O. Box 2087
Norwalk, CT 06852
(203) 847-3873

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS Requirements are based on competencies. There are unlimited opportunities for one to demonstrate required competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults over 18 year of age without a high school diploma who are functioning well in their daily lives are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment consists of advertising in adult education program brochures and newspapers, referrals from community agencies, and by word of mouth. The program is located in an urban-suburban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Instruments prescribed by the New York External Diploma are used to measure competencies. Assessment advisors and assessment specialists administer the instruments.

CERTIFICATION: A special local diploma is issued to all completers of the program.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: In the fall, ninety three students were enrolled in the program. Thirty-seven graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Jerry Nolan
Director, Adult & Continuing Education
2040 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514
(203) 248-9311

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 25 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising through the local newspapers, and brochures to 20,000 town residences. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the New York External Diploma Program model.

ASSESSMENT: Instruments prescribed by the New York External Diploma program are used to measure competencies. Assessment advisors and assessment specialists administer the instruments.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Thirty-five students were enrolled in the program as of the fall of 1984; twenty graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Douglas Christie
Director, Continuing & Community Education
211 Steele Road
West Hartford, CT 06117
(203) 232-5953

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 25 years and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising through the newspaper, continuing education booklets mailed twice a year, and information sheets mailed to the community. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Instruments prescribed by the New York External Diploma program are used to measure competencies. Assessment advisors and assessment specialists administer the instruments.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty-three students were enrolled in the April of 1984; four graduated in program year 1984.

DELAWARE

PROGRAM TITLE: James H. Grove High School
(Statewide adult High School Diploma Program
Accredited by the Middle states Association
of School and Colleges)

CONTACT PERSON: Sandra G. Keller
ABE/GED Coordinator
Kent County Vocational Technical School
P.O. Box 97
Woodside, DE 19980
(302) 697-7194

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies and carnegie units. Completion of requirements is time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years and older who have been out of school for six months are eligible to participate in the program. There is an exception if a letter from the principal accompanies a person who is 16 and have not been out of school for six months. Recruitment efforts consist of public service announcements and advertising in the newspaper. The Program is located in a suburban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized and locally designed competency tests are administered by teachers to measure competencies.

CERTIFICATION: The state diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Four hundred seventy-one students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one hundred graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: James H. Grove Adult High School
(Statewide Adult High School Diploma Program
Accredited by the Middle States Association
of Schools and Colleges)

CONTACT PERSON: Thornton Lynam
Principal, Adult Program
P.O. Box 351
Sussex Vocational Technical Center
Georgetown, DE 19947
(302) 856-0961

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is usually within one year.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising in the newspapers and the media. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized and locally designed competency tests are administered by the guidance counselor.

CERTIFICATION: The state diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Approximately 200 students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one hundred fifteen graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: James H. Grove High School Diploma Program (Statewide Adult High School Diploma Program Accredited by the Middle States' Association of Schools and Colleges)

CONTACT PERSON: George Rumell
Pincipal, Adult Program
Kent Vocational Technical School District
P.O. Box 97
Woodside, DE 19980
(302) 697-3257

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies and carnegie units. Individuals can earn credits in the program through vocational courses, work experience, GED, correspondence study, foreign schools, achievement tests, military, classroom instruction or other local education programs such as the local college. Completion of requirement is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 16 years old and older who have been out of school for six months are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising in the newspapers and the media. The program is located in urban and rural areas and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers administer standardized APL assessment instruments.

CERTIFICATION: The state diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred students graduated in program year 1984.

GEORGIA

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Mikel Richardson
Coordinator, Adult General Education
495 N. India Creek Drive
Clarkston, GA 30021
(404) 299-4318

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: One must have previously completed the GED test before entering the program. Twelve life coping skills units of work are required. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults must be at least 18 years of age and the class that they entered high school with must have graduated. The program is located in an suburban area. Ninety percent of the participants are from the military.

CERTIFICATION: A local DeKalb Community College Adult High School Diploma is issued to graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; two hundred forty-two graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Elijah McGraw
Director, Adult Programs
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Savannah, GA 31401
(912) 236-6900

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: This program is based on life skills competencies. One must have passed the GED test before entering the program. One hundred fifty hours of seat time are required of each participant.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 18 and over are eligible to participate in the program but the class that they entered high school with must have graduated. Ninety percent of the referrals are from the military. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized tests are used to measure competencies. These tests are administered by teachers or GED testers.

CERTIFICATION: A local adult high school diploma is issued.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: This program began in April 1984. There are ten students enrolled in the program. Six students graduated in program year 1984. Currently, fifteen to twenty students are waiting to enter the program after passing the GED test.

HAWAII

PROGRAM TITLE: Competency Based High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Fred Murata
Vice Principal & Director of
Competency Based High School Diploma Program
94-1211 Farrington Highway
Waipahu, HI 96797

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. The normal time span for the completion of the program is three semesters.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years and older are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Criterion-referenced and oral tests which are locally designed are used; performance of life skills tasks are mandatory requirements of the program. Instructors and Board of Examiners administer the tests.

CERTIFICATION: The state high school diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates except for the name of the school.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Seventy-five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; forty graduated in program year 1984.

KANSAS

PROGRAM TITLE: Wichita High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Jimmy Peppers
Principal
923 Cleveland
Wichita, KS 67214
(316) 265-9551

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on carnegie units. Completion of requirements is time-based. One unit of History and 1/2 unit of Government; GED test or six components of Adult Performance Level.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of brochures, radio, advertising, word of mouth, and through high school counselors. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Instructors and testing proctors administer standardized and locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local or state diploma is issued depending on one's choice of study. APL graduates are issued a regular high school diploma. Students taking one unit of History and one-half unit of Government and the GED test receive both a local and state diploma.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty-five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; sixty graduated in program year 1984.

KENTUCKY

PROGRAM TITLE: Paducah Adult High Sch[illegible] Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Tony Hurley
Coordinator, Adult Learning Center
2400 Adams Street
Paducah, KY 42001
(502) 444-5790

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is time-based. One has a year to complete course requirements.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 19 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising on television, radio, brochures, in newspapers and referrals from high school counselors. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high high school graduates.

ASSESSMENT: Counselors administer APL tasks as well as locally designed tests. A local Adult High School Diploma is issued to completers of the program.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: The program started in October 1984 and had seven students as of the fall of 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Independent Study

CONTACT PERSON: Linda Shelor
Resource Teacher
4409 Preston Highway
Louisville, KY 40213
(502) 456-3049

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units. Completion of requirements is time-based. One has a year to complete a course.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students in high school are the target population of the program, however, adults are eligible. Participant recruitment efforts consists of referrals from the adult education classes. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: The resource teacher administers locally designed competency based tests to students.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: On the average, 2,800 students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984. Approximately 15 percent of these students were adults.

MAINE

PROGRAM TITLE: External Credit Option for Adult Diploma Students

CONTACT PERSON: Clayton Blood
Consultant, High School Completion Program
Division of Adult & Community Education
State House Station - No. 23
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-3367

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies and completion of subject matter courses. The program is self-paced.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years and older and not enrolled in a formal day school program; minimum of sixth grade reading level, and with the ability to work as a self-directed learner are eligible to participate in the program. In addition, individuals who indicate scheduling difficulties which restrict them from enrolling in regular adult classes are also eligible for the program. The program is located in urban, rural and suburban areas.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized and locally designed competency tests are administered by the program director, counselor or the master teacher.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma program issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred ninety eight graduated in program year 1984.

MARYLAND

PROGRAM TITLE: External High School Diploma Program: Western Maryland Regional - Alleghany and Washington Counties

CONTACT PERSON: John E. Frank
Supervisor, Federal and State Programs
108 Washington Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
(301) 759-2046

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units. Candidates must show competency in basic life skills that have been judged as those specifically necessary to cope with everyday living. Completion of requirements is time-based. Usually, a five task assignment is to be completed in a week's time. The completion of the program takes an average of 3-5 months of work.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years and over who are capable of performing at the ninth grade level are eligible to participate in the program. Referrals are from the GED and ABE programs. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the New York External Diploma program.

ASSESSMENT: The Advisor or Assessor administers several diagnostic instruments to measure competencies.

CERTIFICATION: The state diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: The enrollment for the program varies. The goal for the year 1984-1985 is to graduate 150 adults; this is up from 125 graduates for 1983-1984. A total of 176 adults graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Maryland State External High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Herbert R. Ewbank
Director, Maryland State External
High School Diploma Program
50 W. Oak Ridge Drive
Hagerstown, MD 21740
(301) 791-4279

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Clients have to demonstrate 64 competencies based on everyday life skills as developed by Syracuse University. Completion of requirements is time-based. One must complete an assessment evaluation program in one year.

CHARACTERISTICS: Competent adults age 18 years and older residing in the state of Maryland without a high school diploma are eligible to participate in the program. Clients are recruited through the media. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: The External Diploma Program staff members administer standardized materials developed at Syracuse University.

CERTIFICATION: The state diploma issued is the same as granted to regular high school graduates except there is no school of instruction program or agency noted.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: In the fall of 1984, there were 187 students enrolled in the program. One hundred seventy six graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Maryland Adult External High School Diploma (Eastern Shore Regional Center)

CONTACT PERSON: Georgie A. Guevara
Coordinator
Maryland Adult External Diploma Program
Washington High School
Princess Anne, MD 21853
(301) 651) 1100

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Program requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is based on "housekeeping" time limit of 6 months placed on the diagnostic part of the program and 6 months on the assessment phase. These limits are composed only to keep from losing participants due to lack of motivation caused by the "I can do it later" syndrone.

CHARACTERISTICS: Competent Maryland adults 18 years and older are eligible to participate in the program. There is no teaching component, and those who are not ready to demonstrate competencies are referred to ABE or tutors. Recruitment efforts consist of brochures, agency, employer, and graduate referrals, and public service announcements on radio, televison, and in newspapers. The program is located in a rural and suburban area and is based on New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Advisors or assessors administer criterion-referenced and applied performance tests.

CERTIFICATION: A state diploma issued is the same as granted to regular high school graduates except that the name of the high school does not appear on the diploma.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred students graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Maryland Adult External High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON:
Mary Pat Justice
Project Manager
Maryland Adult External High School
Diploma Program
200 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(301) 396-1266

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The requirements are based on competencies which include 64 general academic and life skills and one individual skill which may be job related. Clients have six months to complete the diagnostic phase and 6 months to complete the assessment phase of the program.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years and over with basic academic life skills are eligible to participate in the program. Approximately thirty percent of the clients are referred by people who graduated from the program. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: The staff of the External Diploma program administered diagnostic and assessment instruments. In diagnostics, the Reading Everyday Activities in Life (REAL) and the Self Directed Search (SOS) are used.

CERTIFICATION: The state diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Over 200 students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one hundred and ten graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Maryland Adult External High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON:
Mary Jane Healy O'Brien
Administrator, Maryland Adult
External High School Diploma Program
Camp Mead and School Lane
Linthicum, MD 21090
(301) 859-3320

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Life skills acquired after leaving school are evaluated by assessors. Criteria were established by the New York External Diploma model. Completion of requirements is divided into two phases - clients are allowed six months to complete each phase.

CHARACTERISTICS: Competent adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of brochures, posters, and press releases. The program is located in an urban, rural, and suburban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Assessment specialists administer instruments from the New York State External Diploma model to the clients.

CERTIFICATION: The state diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: In the fall of 1984, 224 students were enrolled in the program. One hundred sixty-five graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Wanda Howell-Pingitore
Coordinator
Highway 5 Box 32-A
Waldorf, MD 20601
(301) 645-8765

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on 64 competencies from the areas of community awareness, personal and family health, occupational awareness, personal, social and governmental awareness and consumer awareness. Completion of requirements is time-based. An individual has six months to complete the diagnostic phase and six months to complete the assessment phase.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older who have good academic skills and is competent in the area of life skills and are employable are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in rural and suburban areas and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Advisors and assessors administer instruments developed by the New York External Diploma program.

CERTIFICATION: The state diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred thirty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; ninety-four graduated in program year 1984.

MASSACHUSETTS

PROGRAM TITLE: Rockland Adult Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: John Pini
Director of Community Education
394 Union Street
Rockland, MA 02370

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies plus 6 credits. Completion of requirements is not time based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults must be over 18 years of age in order to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of advertising in the newspapers and brochures.
The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers and counselors administer standardized tests.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty-six students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; six graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Lowell Adult Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Elizabeth Tsapatsaris
Coordinator, Lowell Adult
Diploma Program
Kirk Street Entrance - Lowell High School
Lowell, MA 01852
(617) 458-9007

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on 16 carnegie units, writing, reading and math competencies, a minimum of 80 credits: 40 credits must be accrued in the academic area and 15 credits are required in the life skills area. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Out of school adults (high school class must have graduated) 18 years old from the Lowell area are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of ads in newspapers, staff referrals, and by word of mouth. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: Assessors and counselors administer locally designed instruments.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as those granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Seventy-five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; fifty-five graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Pittsfield Adult Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: William P. Stickney
Director, Adult Education
269 First Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 443-9060

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 19 years and over without a high school diploma are eligible to participate. Recruitment efforts consist of agency referral, work of mouth, and advertising. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Assessors and aides administer APL assessment materials.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Sixty-three students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; forty-seven graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Somerville Adult Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Ruth E. Derfler
Administrator, Adult Diploma Program
99 Dover Street
Somerville, MA 02144
(617) 625-1335

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on the demonstration of 64 competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 18 years of age without a high school diploma are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment consists of disseminating brochures, referrals from community agencies, and workshops. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: Diagnostic tests are administered by aides and administrators and task spot checks are administered by assessors. the type of test used depends on the needs of the individual.

CERTIFICATION: The local adult diploma is issued to completers of the program.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Thirty-five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; forty-seven graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Fred Gillis
Director, Adult Education
515 Hyde Park Avenue
Rosendale, MA 02131
(617) 323-4166

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 19 years and older who have worked one year full-time or two years part-time at the same place of employment are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising in brochures and flyers. The program is located in an urban are and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Assessors administer standardized tests to students.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma is the same as that issued to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Three hundred fifty seven students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; fifty-one graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: The External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Bill Arvanitis
Director, Adult Basic Education
The Adult Learning Center
514 Essex Street
Lawrence, MA 01840

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years of age and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of mailings, local advertisements in local newspapers, and television and referrals from the military. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model with some modifications.

ASSESSMENT: External Diploma Consultant administers paper and pencil tests and certified professionals in academic areas administer oral tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twelve students were currently enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty-two graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: The Adult Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Robert G. Aimo
Diploma Consultant/ADP Coordinator
Community Learning Center
614 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 547-1589

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements in communication skills and math are met through competency tests with high school credit for completion; credit awarded for high school or other coursework; credit for experiential learning based on assessment by diploma consultant; 180 credits (equal to 18 carnegie units) plus completion of academic requirements are needed for adults to graduate. There is a minimum of two months enrollment required.

CHARACTERISTICS: Cambridge residents or former Cambridge public high school students (if non resident) age 22 or older are eligible to participate in the program. Exceptions are permitted if it appears that a student can earn 180 credits from previous high school and experiential credit areas. Recruitment efforts consist of referrals by local school system, community agencies, by word of mouth from current and former students. In addition, posters, brochures and news releases are distributed. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: Reading and math tests are locally developed but influenced by the Texas APL model. Credit areas and assessment/verification procedures are also locally designed. Diploma consultants administer the test; retests in math may be given by classroom teachers. Students must produce a 250 + word writing sample. Credit for some areas (coursework, military service and job training) is granted based solely on documentation; other areas (second language, arts and crafts/hobbies) are credited based on evaluation by staff or outside experts.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Eighty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; forty-four graduated in program year 1984.

MICHIGAN

PROGRAM TITLE: External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Richard Boles
Administrative Assistant
Adult Education
2060 Main Street
Bowagaic, MI 49047
(616) 782-3444

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students must be 18 years old and older and their high school class must have graduated. Participant recruitment efforts consist of radio, newspaper ads, word of mouth and counseling. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: The tests are locally designed and are administered by the directors.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twelve students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: The APL Student Receives A Regular High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Carlene Stamp
Adult Performance Level Liaison
204 E. Muskegon
Cedar Springs, MI 49341
(616) 696-1203

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Competencies can be equated to carnegie units. Students are required to pass the Michigan Education Assessment. Completion of requirements is not time-based. Students are enrolled into semester classes; however, they may continue as long as they need.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 18 and over are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment consists of advertising in the newspaper and sending out flyers. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Adult Education counselors and APL teachers administer APL content area measures, the TABE, and The MEAP. A vocational home maintenance test has also been designed.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma is the same as those issued to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty one students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty nine graduated in program year 1984.

MINNESOTA

PROGRAM TITLE: Advance Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Deborah Tomczyk
Program Supervisor
Edgewood Community Center
5100 Edgewood Drive
Mounds View, MN 55112
(612) 784-8767

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Students may transfer prior learning "credits" into program and demonstrate competency in experiential learning away from traditional school setting. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults with low education (skills below 12th grade) are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of special service, student and county referrals. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: APL content area measurements are used to evaluate the five content areas of the APL model. Competency is demonstrated by examination, by documented work experience, and by the successful completion of classes. Most instruments used are locally designed by teaching staff and adult education avisory committee members interested in establishing minimal competency levels.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as those granted to regular high school graduates. It is signed by principals of two local high schools.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred sixty three students were enrolled in the in the fall of 1984; forty eight graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Dorothy Stockwell
Coordinator, Dakota Northwest
AS/CE Program
ISD 191 Community Services
100 River Ridge Court
Bumsville, MN 55337
(612) 887-7397

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Elective credits may be earned through demonstration of competency. Credit completion is based on point system tied to the amount of time spent in completing required work.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years old and older, not currently enrolled in regular high school programs are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of interagency referrals, announcements in the local press, metro area hotlines, and community service brochures. The program is located in a suburban area.

ASSESSMENT: Certified teachers administer locally designed competency test to measure competencies.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty one students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty three graduated in program year 1984.

MONTANA

PROGRAM TITLE: Montana External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Bob G. Hand
Director of Adult Basic Education
No. 1 First Street
East Kalispell, MT
(406) 755-5222 x284

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on completion of 64 competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students must be 19 years old and older to participate. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the New York Diploma Program model.

ASSESSMENT: Oral criterion is used to measure competencies. Instructors are used to administer the test.

CERTIFICATION: Local and state diplomas are issued and are the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Two students were enrolled in the program in the fall; three graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: External Diploma Progam - Helena School District #1

CONTACT PERSON: Patrick O'Leary
Supervisor, Helena Adult Learning Center
529 N. Warren
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 442-2571

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 19 years old and over are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising in the local newspaper, radio, television, agency flyers and by word of mouth. The program is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized and competency-based tests are used to measure competencies. Assessors administer the test.

CERTIFICATION: The local or state diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates, with the transcript spelling out the competencies demonstrated

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twelve students were enrolled in the program in the fall; Fifteen graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Montana External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Diane Dohrmann
The Resource Study Center/Adult Base
Education Director - Dawson Community College
Box 421
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 365-3396

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 19 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment consist of advertising done through adults in ABE. The prgram is located in a rural area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized and competency-based tests are used to measure competencies. Program advisors and assessors administers test and assessment instruments.

CERTIFICATION: A state diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Thirty-nine students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; nineteen graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Jack Scott
Adult Education Coordinator
Largent School
915 First Avenue South
Great Falls, MT 59405
(406) 791-2140

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on completion of 64 competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 19 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of public speaking by counselors, ads in local newspapers, public interest articles. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Competency-Based tests are used to measure competencies. The test is administered by certified teachers.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Three students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; six graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Susan Martin
Learning Center Chairman
909 South Avenue West
Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 721-1330

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 19 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertisement in the newspaper, contacting local agencies, and high school counselors. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Diagnostics test are used to measure competencies. Advisors and assessors administers the test.

CERTIFICATION: Students age 19-25 are issued state diplomas, age 25 and above are issued local diplomas and both are the same as that granted to high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Eighty-five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; forty graduated in program year 1984.

NEBRASKA

PROGRAM TITLE: Alliance City Schools Adult Basic Education Program

CONTACT PERSON: Lonnie Sherlock
Director of Adult & Community Education
202 Box Butte
217 West 3rd
Alliance, NE 69301
(308) 762-1580 or 762-1835

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on competencies. Completion is based on both time and educational progress.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students age 16 and above are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Registered GED Proctors or Chief Examiners administer the GED test.

CERTIFICATION: A local or state diploma is issued depending on the student's goals and performance and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Seventy five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one hundred one graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: General Equivalency Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: E.E. Miller
Administrator - Community Education
615 North Elm
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 381-5940

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The program is based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students age 17 and above are eligible to participate in the program. Students participate voluntarily or by court referral. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized GED test is used to measure competencies. GED examiners administer the test.

CERTIFICATION: A state diploma is issued and it is the same as that issued to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Thirty-five students were enrolled in 1984; seventeen graduated in program year 1984.

NEVADO

PROGRAM TITLE: Washoe High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: John Genasci
Principal of Washoe High School
2880 Sutro Street - Building G
Reno, NV 89512
(702) 786-7797

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies and life skills. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 17 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of the media, televison spots, churches and businesses. The program is located in urban and rural areas.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers, counselors and administrators administer the locally designed test.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Eighteen students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twelve graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Churchill County School District Adult High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: C. Douglas Gorden
Coordinator, Adult High School Diploma Program
960 Auction Road
Fallon, NV 89406
(702) 423-1191

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units; GED equivalency credit; correspondence; and military service credit. Completion of requirements is 18 credits 120 hours class time per 1 credit.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 17 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of advertisement in the newspapers and by word of mouth. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Instructors administer the standardized test.

CERTIFICATION: A School District Diploma is issued and is the same as the County High School Diploma, except it has Adult Education written on it.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Sixty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; eleven graduated in program year 1984.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

PROGRAM TITLE: Nashua Community Adult School

CONTACT PERSON: Robert Schambier
Director of Adult Education
for the Nashua School District
C10 NH's Riverside Drive
Nashua, NH 03062
(608) 881-4311

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program if they are not registered in a conventional high school. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising through the media and the newspaper. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers administer locally designed and standardized test.

CERTIFICATION: A local adult School Diploma is issued upon completion of program requirements.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred forty five students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; twenty-three graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Dover Adult Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Deborah Tasker
Director, Dover Adult Learning Center
22 Atkinson Street
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 742-1030

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and experiential credit. Students must complete three nine-week terms per year. Classes meet twice a week for one carnegie unit.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students 16 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participants recruitment efforts consist of self-referrals, referrals from agencies, general advertising in newspapers and mailers. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers and counselors administer locally designed tests in order to measure competencies. Experiential credit for work and homemaking requires writing description of experience.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; eight graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Concord Adult Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Jeffrey J. Siegel
Community Education Director
Concord High School
Warren Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 225-0804

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies and carnegie units.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students must be 18 years old or older in order to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising, social service agencies, word of mouth, and guidance counselors. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Locally designed test are administered by the Director or Proctor.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Fifty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; eight graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Arthur Ellison
Director, Office of Adult Basic Education
Department of Education
State Office Park South
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-2247

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are set by the School Administrative Unit. Each unit is forty-five hours of class time.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students 16 years old and older and not enrolled in a public school are eligible to participate. Recruitment is made through adult education programs. The program is located in an urban and rural area.

ASSESSMENT: Locally designed tests are administered by the director or counselors.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Two hundred thirty four students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; one thousand two hundred forty one graduated in program year 1984.

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PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Hugo F. Vicari
Principal, Adult Vocational Education
Adult High School
200 - 85th Street
North Bergen, NJ 07047
(201) 854-3900

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Courses are by semester and competency-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of referrals from social agencies, schools, and churches. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: Instructors and counselors administer standardized (California Achievement Test) and locally designed for proficiency levels.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Five hundred and fifty two students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty-nine graduated in program year 984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Plainfield Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Charles T. Carter
Director, Adult Continuing Education
Plainfield High School
950 Park Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060
(201) 753-3252

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on adult high school credit by demonstration of competencies. Completion of requirement is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Out of school youth and adults who do not have high school credentials are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of media announcements and pamphlet distribution. The program is regulated by New Jersey statue.

ASSESSMENT: Locally designed assessments are designed to measure competencies.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma that is issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates except with the designation of the word "Adult" on the diploma.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Two hundred twenty nine students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; thirty-five graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: New Brunswick Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Judith E. Kesin
Supervisor of Adult Education
New Brunswick Public Schools
Adult Learning Center
259 George Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(201) 846-2968

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on earning carnegie units and mastering 9th grade reading and math competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years and over are eligible to participate in the program. A waiver is available for students 17 years old. Recruitment efforts consist of press releases, media, flyers, social service agency contacts, personal contacts, and alumni recruiters. The program is located in an urban area and is based on New Jersey's Edison College model.

ASSESSMENT: Basic Skills proficiency testing may be administered by State or local officials after March 30, 1985 in accordance with changing state regulations. Project evaluation, oral and written demonstration of proficiency, standardized and locally designed instruments are all used to measure competencies.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma that is issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Two hundred sixty five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; sixty five graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Englewood Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Vincent F. Cantwell
Director of Adult Education
Liberty school
12 Tenafly Road
Englewood, NJ 07631
(201) 871-4300 x230

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competency-based credit systems. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Non-high school graduates over 16 years of age are eligible to participate with a waiver. Recruitment efforts consist of advertising in posters, promotional materials such as book matches and on posters. The program is located in urban and suburban areas.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers or educational brokers administer standardized and locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Five hundred fifty eight students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; sixty five graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Jointure for Community Adult Eduation - Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Natalino S. Carrea
Principal, Adult High School
West Union Avenue
Bouna Brook, NJ 08805
(201) 469-2424

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on completing all requirements for the Bound Brook High school Diploma and mastering reading, math, and language skills competencies at 10th grade level or above. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Students age 16-18 years need a waiver. Recruitment efforts consist of advertising in brochures, flyers, newspaper, on the radio, contacts with schools, and making telephone calls. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Certified teachers administer standardized and locally assigned instruments.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred ninety students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; seventy eight graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Lakewood Adult High Shcool

CONTACT PERSON: Michael A. Matta
Administrator, Community School Program
521 Princeton Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701
(201) 364-2500

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Credits are awarded for life experiences, classes, or independent study requests. There is a minimum basic skills testing requirement. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old who have been out of school for one full year are eligible to participate in the program. Extensive recruitment efforts are performed throughout the community. The program is located in a suburban area.

ASSESSMENT: The Coordinator administers locally designed and state mandated instruments.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred twenty-seven students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; forty one graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: William J. Moore
Administrator Extension Program
2106 Bangs Avenue
Nepune, NJ 07753
(201) 774-6286

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on completion of 92.5 credits. Completion of requirements is time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: The English instructor adminsters the adult Basic Skills Test and set "J" Diagnostic test.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Forty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; thirteen graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Betty Rebarick
Coordinator
Broad and South Streets
Matawan, NJ 07747
(201) 566-1800 x262

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on credit transferred in from other high schools and colleges. Credit is also awarded for military experience, community service, and job and work experience. Course work is proficiency based. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program if he or she has a waiver signed by the high school superintendent. Recruitment efforts consist of advertising in newspapers, brochures, word of mouth, house to house canvassing, and cable television promotions. The program is located in a rural area.

ASSESSMENT: Certified teachers and counselors administer standardized, criterion-referenced, pencil and paper, and locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred seventy seven students were enrolled in the fall of 984; one hundred and three graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Pittsgrove Township Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Patricia A. Gaburo
Educational Broker
Pittsgrove Township Schools
Municipal Building
RD #1
Elmer, NJ 08318
(609) 358-3089

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on earning 110 credits and mastery of competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 25 years old and older are the target population. Any one under 18 must have written approval to attend. Recruitment efforts consist of advertising in brochures and newsletters, and through news releases.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers and counselors administer standardized, criterion-referenced, pencil and paper, and locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as those granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Forty eight students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; from 1981-84, twenty three graduated from the program.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Ray Heagele
Principal, Adult Community School
Box 248
Nugentown Road
Tuckerton, NJ 08087
(609) 296-3109

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years and older are eligible to participate in the program. There are no recruitment efforts. The program is located in a rural area.

ASSESSMENT: Staff administers standardized and locally designed instruments.

CERTIFICATION: A local or state diploma is issued depending upon one's course of study.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Seventy students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty four graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Hoffman High Adult School

CONTACT PERSON: Judith A. McCormack
Director of Adult Education
240 John Street
South Amboy, NJ 08879
(201) 721-2000

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on previous high school transcripts, work community experience, proficiencies in subject areas, and independent studies. Completion of requirements is based on two semesters.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older and who have been out of school for one year are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of cable television announcements, posters displayed in local stores, newsreleases, and brochures. The program is located in a suburban area.

ASSESSMENT: Counselors and teachers administer standardized and locally designed proficiency or competency exams.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Thirty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty-six graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: James Lenox
Director of Adult Education and Principal
Adult High School
Administration Building
Cromweel Place
Southplainfield, NJ 07080
(201) 754-4620 x215

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years of age and over and whose high school class have graduated are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of advertising, press releases, and mailing of letters. The program is located in a suburban area.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers and counselors administer standardized, criterion-referenced, pencil and paper, and locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates except the word "adult" is on the diploma.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred one students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Trenton Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Robert Graham
Director of Adult Education
108 North Clinton Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08609
(609) 989-2610

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Each teacher has developed a set of proficiencies which meet or exceed the regular high school course requirements. These skills are related to employment goals. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Any one under 18 is permitted to participate if he or she has a waiver signed by the superintendent. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: Each teacher develops a criterion referenced test for assessment of proficiencies and the right to earn credit. Tests include skills demonstrated in class, in groups, and on paper. Administrators approved each assessment test as well as proficiencies.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Three hundred sixty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; thirty seven graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Jackson Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Suzanne Reilly
Director, Office of Community Services
Clayton Building, Doventry Road
Jackson, NJ 08527
(201) 928-1400 x260 or 928-1771

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and over who have been out of school for one year are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of advertising in brochures and word of mouth. The program is located in a rural area.

ASSESSMENT: Certified teachers in each subject area administer locally designed competency tests.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred twenty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; forty-six graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Jersey City Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: John Pacifico
Administrator, Jersey City Adult High School
2 Palisade Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 547-5749

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units, math and reading competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of advertising in newspaper, press releases, direct mailings, and mailings to civic groups. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Guidance counselors and teachers administer T.A.B.E.,. criterion-referenced, and proficiency-based tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Three hundred five students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; forty graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Gloucester City Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Jacqueline D. Hale
Principal, Adult High School
Board of Education
Gloucester City Public Schools
Jay Street
Gloucester City, NJ 08003
(609) 456-3374

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Students are required to meet all New Jersey State High School Proficiency tests, all local credit requirements, and meet all competencies of each "program completion" attempted for credit. This competency-based program is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults must be 18 years old or older and out of high school for one year in order to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of word of mouth and advertising in community education and adult education brochures.

ASSESSMENT: Subject area teachers and educational brokers can administer locally designed tests. Tests and assessment varies. One must meet proficiencies listed on educational plan at mastery time.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Two hundred eighty seven students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; fifty nine graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Evening Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: William E. Green
Director of Adult Education
Camden County Vocational & Technical Schools
Box 566
Sicklerville, NJ 08081
(609) 767-7000 x400 & 546

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on the New Jersey Adult High School graduation requirements and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years old and older and who have been out of school for one year are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: The guidance counselor administer the T.A.B.E. test.

CERTIFICATION: A local, state endorsed, diploma is issued. This diploma is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred twenty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; forty three graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Buena Regional Adult High School

PROGRAM TITLE: James C. Camburn
Supervisor, Buena Regional High School
Weymouth Road
Buena, NJ 08310
(609) 697-2400 or 567-0870

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years and over who have been out of school for 6 months are eligible to participate in the program. Persons under 18 may participate if they have a waiver. Recruitment efforts consist of newspaper advertisements, word of mouth, posters, and disseminating community education brochures. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Classroom teachers and supervisors administer locally designed and standardized tests.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Forty one students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; thirteen graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Newton Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Arthur E. Stiehler, Jr.
Director of Alternative Education
57 Trinity Street
Newton, NJ 07860
(201) 383-1900

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based. However, excessive time will be curtailed.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults who do not have a high school diploma are eligible to participate in the program. Persons age 16-18 need a waiver in order to attend the program. Recruitment efforts consist of radio and newspaper advertisements and brochure bulk mailing. The program is located in a rural area.

ASSESSMENT: Instructional broker and/or instructors administers standardized (T.A.B.E. textbook competency tests) and locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is similar to the regular high school diploma.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Four hundred twenty eight students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; thirty seven graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Union County Regional Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Harry E. Linklin
Director of Adult & Continuing Education
Carole Beris
Director, Union County Regional Adult Learning Center
Monroe Avenue
Kenilworth, NJ 07033
(201) 272-4480

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Competency based high school credit for adults whose skills and knowledge meet district standards is awarded. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults over age 18 and out of school at least one year are eligible to participate in the program. Students are recruited through widespread publicity efforts. The program is located in a suburban area.

ASSESSMENT: Staff from the adult high school administer locally designed instruments.

CERTIFICATION: A state endorsed local diploma is issued and it is the same as granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Two hundred fifty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one hundred sixteen graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: North Plainfield Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Marilyn Birnbaum
Coordinator, Adult High School
12 Harrison Avenue
North Plainfield, NJ 07060
(201) 754-2292 or 2564

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and mastery of competencies in specific subject areas. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years and older are eligible to participate in the program; however, students 16-18 may enter with a waiver. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Counselors and instructors administer standardized, criterion-referenced, pencil and paper, and locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma that is issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Ninety-two students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; thirty three graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Warren County Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Frank p. Mancuso
Director, Warren County Adult High School
RD 1 Box 168-A
Washington, NJ 07882
(201) 689-0122

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based. All work is based on independent study.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertisements in the newspaper, in brochures, and on the radio. The program is located in rural and suburban areas and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Counselors administer T.A.B.E. and Braswell materials.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma that is issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Thirty-one students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; eighteen graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Hamilton Township Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Richard W. Eck
Principal, Adult High School
251 Tindell Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08610
(609) 890-3600

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on successful completing course objectives and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults who do not have a high school diploma are eligible to participate in the program. Adults 16-18 years of age require a waiver. Participant recruitment efforts consist of mailings, newspaper, brochures, letters, and posters advertisements. The program is located in an urban area and is based on a combination of the Texas APL model and the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Intake and placement are done with standardized instruments. Objectives of each course are competency-based and standardized Basic Skills Tests. Program counselors or coordinators administer the tests.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Forty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; Twelve graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Passaic Adult High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Milton W. Wallace
Principal, Passaic Adult Learning Center
657 Main Avenue
Passaic, NJ 07055
(201) 472-8282

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Adult high school credits are given based on carnegie units and demonstrated competencies; states endorsed diplomas are granted based upon passing a batter of GED tests.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults over 18 (16 to 18 may attend with waiver) are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of the newspaper, radio, television, and by word of mouth. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Counselors and teachers administer standardized and locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local or state diploma is issued depending upon one's course of study. Also, a regular high school diploma or an equivalency diploma can be granted.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred three students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; two hundred three graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Nicholas L. Rodal
Director, Adult High School
178 Barracks Street
Berth Amboy, NJ 08861
(201) 442-1255

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on earning 92 carnegie units and passing competencies in reading, math, and language arts skills at the 9th grade level. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of door to door visits, advertisements in the newspapers and on the radio. The program is located in an urban area and is based on a combination of the Texas APL model and the New York External diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Counselors adminsiter the T.A.B.E. to students.

CERTIFICATION: A local adult high school diploma is issued.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Seven hundred students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; ninety-three graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Louise Acampora
Director, Adult Education
3912 Bergen Turnpike
Union City, NJ 07087
(201) 348-5866

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. High school credit from the previous high school attended and life learning experiences as well as military training. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 16 to 50 are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of referrals from high school counselors, agencies, and by word of mouth. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers or staff members administer standardized and teacher-made tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local high school diploma is issued.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred thirty five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one hundred twenty graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Palmyra Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Emmy Bell
Principal
West 4th Street & Delaware Avenue
Palmyra, NJ 08065
(609) 786-8050

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on credits for completion of proficiency based courses. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years or older who have been out of school at least one year are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising, referrals from area high school drop out lists, and by word of mouth. The program is located in a suburban area.

ASSESSMENT: Paper and pencil proficiency exams are designed by subject certified assessors. Some assessment is done by observation of product evaluation. Standardized tests are also used. Instructors or a testing monitor administer tests.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred ninety students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; sixty-five graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: East Orange Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Loretta Onyeani
Principal
74 Halsted Street
East Orange, NJ 07018
(201) 266-5078

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults are recruited for the program through brochures and community groups. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized and criterion-referenced tests are used to measure competencies. A local diploma is issued and it is the same as those granted to regular high school students.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma that is issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Two hundred ninety students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; sixty graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Glassboro Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Michael Toscano
Assistant Superintendent
Glassboro Public Schools
Joseph Bowe Boulevard
Glassboro, NJ 08028
(609) 881-6366

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Credits are awarded for academic competencies and life experiences which can be related or transposed into high school credits. Completion of requirements is time-based in regard to courses taken or equation of life experiences for credit.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of media advertisements, counselor recommendations, and by word of mouth. The program is located in a suburban area.

ASSESSMENT: The director, counselor, or teacher primarly administer standardized and locally designed instruments.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma (state approved) that is issued is the same as those granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Sixty one students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; ten graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Pemberton Township Adult High School Program

CONTACT PERSON: Robert Ragio
Director, Adult Education
c/o. H.S.I.
Pemberton, NJ 08068
(609) 894-4636

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based; however, a set number of meetings is required.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 18 to 60 are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of word of mouth, advertisements on television and in brochures. The program is located in a rural area.

ASSESSMENT: School officials administer oral locally designed and pencil and paper tests.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma that is issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Fifty-five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; forty graduated in program year 1984.

NEW YORK

PROGRAM TITLE: New York State External High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Ilene V. Clinton
Coordinator, Continuing Education
97 Industrial Park Road
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 273-2107

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on completion of 64 competencies. A student has one year to complete the program.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment consists of newspaper ads, posters and brochures, and word-of-mouth. The program is located in urban and rural areas and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Advisors and assessment specialists administer the criterion-referenced program.

CERTIFICATION: A local high school diploma issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Fifty-three students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; sixty three graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Joan D. O'Gorman
Principal, Center for Continuing Education
201 Palisade Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10703
(914) 963-4567 x313

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment consist of multi media; flyers, local radio, television, newspapers, local school system, word of mouth and cooperating agencies. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers use standardized tests to measure student competencies.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; fifty-seven graduate in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: New York State External High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Suzanne B. Sawyer
Program Co-ordinator/Advisor
Ernie Davis Jr. High School
Lake & Clinton Streets
Elmira, NY 14901
(607) 734-3994

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: A student must have an 8th grade or better level in math & reading (TABE) before entering the program. Students must also complete 64 competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment consist of local newspapers, radio, posters and word of mouth. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Advisors and assessment specialists administer the standardized and criterion-referenced tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates but the words "New York External High School Diploma" is printed on it.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Fifty-four students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; forty-six graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Patchogue-Medford GED program for the High School Equivalency

CONTACT PERSON: Allen Robinson
Director, Continuing Education
Buffalo Avenue
Medford, NY 11763

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. The student must maintain a minimal level of class time per week in order to take the High School Equivalency exam.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students must be 16 years old and older in order to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of radio, local mailings, and flyers. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the New York External model.

ASSESSMENT: Certified counselors and teachers administers the tests.

CERTIFICATION: A High School Equivalency diploma is issued.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Three hundred students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; one hundred and seventy-eight graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: New York State External High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Elizabeth Buckley
Assistant Director, Great Neck Adult Program
105 Clover Drive
Great Neck, New York 11021
(516) 482-8650

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on completion of 100% competencies in 64 areas. A student has one year to complete requirements.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults age 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of brochures, news releases, flyers, and word of mouth. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Assessors administer tasks according to criteria validated by the New York State Education Department.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Forty-two students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; sixty-four graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: New York State External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Sandra Hittleman
Coordinator of ABE Lido Beach
235 Lido Beach
Lido Beach, NY 11561
(516) 889-2493

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participated in the program. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Certified teachers administer the standardized tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Over one hundred students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; eighty-two graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: New York State External High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Linda Keding
Assessment Director/Counselor
Oswego County BOCES
Mexico, N.Y. 13114
(315) 963-7251

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on seven area of competencies and one individual skill. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students 16 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participants recruitment efforts consist of news releases, radio, referrals, and posters. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the New York External High School Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Assessment advisors administer the diagnostic tests. There are written tasks to be completed for each of seven area of competencies.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as those granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Students enrollment will begin in January 1985.

PROGRAM TITLE: New York State External Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Gerardo Franciosa
Adult & Basic Education Project Administration
901 24th St. Adult Continuing Education Center
(716) 278-5718
Niagara Falls, NY

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on 64 life skills competencies in seven general areas. Tasks are one week apart approximately 2 to 3 weeks from beginning of program to issuance of diploma.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of newspapers, television, radio, brochures, posters, relatives, friends, employers, EDP graduates, EDP staff and local agencies. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: TABE-Level 3 ITED Y-4, Evaluation Manuals of "Demonstrated" responses are used to measure competencies. Counselors administers the tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and it is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Forty-nine students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; sixty graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: New York State External High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Elizabeth Durocher
Director of Learning Resources
Learning Resource Center
Northwest Technical Park Street
Ogdensbury, NY 11369
(315) 393-2000

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of advertising in newspapers, brochures, posters, and by work of mouth. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Advisors or assessors administer instruments from the New York External Diploma model to measure student competencies.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issued is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Approximately sixteen students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; fifteen graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: New York State External High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Sharon View
Assessment Specialist
External High School Diploma Program
BOCES/Onondaga Madison Program
500 Hickory Street
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 451-6054

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years old and older who have been out of school for one year is eligible to participate in the program. The average age of participants is 40 years old. Participants recruitment efforts consist of advertising in brochures, bulletins, and by work of mouth. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: The New York External Diploma Assessment instruments are administered by assessment specialists.

CERTIFICATION: The local diploma issues is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty-four students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; sixty graduated in program year 1984.

NORTH CAROLINA

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Carl Zeigler
Coordinator of Adult High School Program
Box 1009
Asheboro, NC 27203
(919) 629-1471

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion is time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: The Director administers the NC Competency test.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as those granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Approximately fifteen students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty graduated in program year 1984.

OREGON

PROGRAM TITLE: Clatsop Community College Adult High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Nancy Littell
Advisor/Coordinator
Clatsop Community College
Astoria, OR 97103
(503) 325-0910

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students 16 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts are very low-key; but include high school referrals and radio advertising. The program is located in a rural area.

ASSESSMENT: Advisors and coordinators administers the standardized, criterion-referenced, pencil or paper, locally designed test.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Fifty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Betty L. Brace
Developmental Education Facilitator
26000 SE Stark
Gresham, OR 97030
(503) 667-7613

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults must be 18 years old and older to participate in the program, and if under 18 , must be released from compulsory high school attendance. Participant recruitment is low-key. However, referrals are from high school counselors and GED instructors. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Standardized, criterion-referenced, pencil or paper, and locally designed tests are used to measure competencies.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Approximately one hundred students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; thirty-four graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Bonnie Orr
Director, ABE
Central Oregon Community College
Bend, OR 97701-5988
(503) 382-6112

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units, competencies and life experience credits. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of television and media ads, and word of mouth. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers administer the criterion-referenced, locally designed, state-wide usage and actual writing assignments.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Seventy-four students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty-nine graduated in program year 1084.

PROGRAM TITLE: Blue Mountain Community College Adult High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Patricia T. Amsberry
Director, Basic Skills Department
Blue Mountain Community College
Pendleton, OR 97801
(503) 276-1260 x218

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units, and competencies. Carnegie units may be awarded for life/work experiences. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students must be 16 years old and older to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of contact with social agencies, community organizations and schools. The program is located in a rural area.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers administers the locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Two hundred fifty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; forty graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Barbara Rice
Director of Student Services
2510 First Street
Tillamook, OR 97141
(503) 842-2503

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on 21 carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirement is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students over 15 years old are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in a rural area.

ASSESSMENT: The Director of student services administers the comparative guidance and placement exam of the College Board.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Three students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Rogue Community College Adult Education Center

CONTACT PERSON: Steve Flannery
Adult High School Diploma Coordinator
2000 Crater Lake Highway
Medford, OR 97501
(503) 773-4352

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on 21 carnegie units plus competency. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students over 18 years or older are eligible to participate in the program. Students age 16 & 17 must have school permission. Recruitment efforts consist of brochures, newspapers, posters, agency orientation, television and radio.

ASSESSMENT: Instructors administers the standardized tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Sixty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; approximately one hundred graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Richard Gates
Dirctor, Developmental Education
Umpqua Community College
P.O. Box 967
Roseburg, OR
(503) 440-4603

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units, competencies, life experience, college credits & college units. Completion of requirements is based on a quarter system.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: The Assessment Committee administers the standardized, criterion-referenced, pencil or paper, locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty-two students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; five graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: J.R. Dibble
Southwestern Oregon Community College
Coos Bay, OR 97420
(503) 888-7441

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Carnegie units are transferred to college credits when appropriate.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Coordinator administers the pencil or paper and locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: A state diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Approximately seventeen students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; three graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Chemekata Community College - Adult High School Diploma Program and 24J/CCC Alternative School

CONTACT PERSON: Susan Murray
Adult High School Diploma Coordinator
4000 Lancaster Drive, NE
P.O. BOX 14007
Salem, OR 97309
(503) 399-5115

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students 16 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Alternative school students are referred by their high school counselor, adult high school diploma students are not recruited. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Instructors administers the locally designed competency tests.

CERTIFICATION: State diplomas are issued for adult high school students, local diplomas, where appropriate, are issued to alternative school students and are the same as those granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Three hundred students were enrolled in the adult high school diploma program in the fall of 1984; 25 is the maximum for the alternative school; sixty graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Lane Community College - Adult High School Completion

CONTACT PERSON: Lance F. Reuther
Department Head - ABE/AHSC
4000 East 30th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97405
(503) 747-4501 x2515

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of newspapers, word of mouth, posters, public service announcements and service clubs. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Assessors administer the tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Five hundred twelve students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; three hundred and five graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Clackamas Community College Adult High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Carol J. Evans
Adult Basic Education Coordinator/AHSD Advisor
19600 S. Molalla Avenue
Oregon City, OR 97045
(503) 657-8400 x315

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies and life experiences. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in a suburban area.

ASSESSMENT: Instructors or advisors administer the standardized and locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Thirty-eight students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; seventeen graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Klamath Adult Basic Education/Organization for the Forgotten American

CONTACT PERSON: Leslie F. Patheal
Program Director
1020 Pine St.
Klamath Falls, OR 97601
(503) 882-4457

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 16 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in a rural area.

ASSESSMENT: State GED testers administers the test.

CERTIFICATION: A State diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Two hundred students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one hundred and thirty-four graduated in program year 1984.

PENNSYLVANIA

PROGRAM TITLE: Cumberland Valley School District's "High School Diploma Program for Adults"

CONTACT PERSON: Samuel Gruber
Coordinator of Continuing Education
6746 Carlisle Pike
Mechanisburg, PA 17055
(717) 766-1966

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 20 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of industry contacts, brochure distribution, posters, and newspapers. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Guidance counselors and the director administer the program.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Sixty-five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; thirty-five graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult Continuing Education, Eastern Lancaster County SD

CONTACT PERSON: David P. Karl
Director Instructional Services
Lancaster Lebanon IU 13
Adult Education, Box 5026
Lancaster, PA 17601
(717) 569-8561

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies, APL test, TABE, and the GED test. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Out of school adults, 18 years old (high school class must have graduated) are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of newspapers and referral from the Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 adult education program. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Instructors and GED regional representatives administers the APL, TABE and GED tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Nine students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; eleven graduated in program year 1984.

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PROGRAM TITLE: Cranston Adult Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Bon D'orio
Director, Extended Education at Cranston
Cranston Adult Leaarning Center
160 W. Shaw Avenue
Cranston, RI 02908
(401) 785-0400 x160

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of high school bulletins, newspapers and radio. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: The New York External materials are used to measure competencies. Assessors and advisors administers the test.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twelve students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; two graduated in program year 1984.

TEXAS

PROGRAM TITLE: Competency-Based High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Morris Foster
Director
Box 981
Abilene, TX 79604
(915) 673-6585

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units, competencies and life skills. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 17 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of flyers, television, radio newspapers and word or mouth. The program is located in an urban and rural area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: GED Chief Examiner & Assessors administers the standardized, paper and pencil tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Three-hundred fifty-four students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; three hundred and six graduated in program year 198

PROGRAM TITLE: Competency-Based High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Richard Bond
Director, Out-of-District Programs
Paris Junior College
P.O. Box 148
Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455
(214) 572-3506

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies and must be on a ninth grade reading level and have one semester of Texas History.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students must be 17 years old and have been out of school one full year. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Learning instructors administer the TABE tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Thirty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty-four graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Competency Based High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Larry E. Johnston
Director, Adult & Community Education
4241 Summerhill Road
Texarkana, TX 75503
(214) 792-9341 or 794-7381

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 17 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of the media, counselors at high school, military recruiting offices. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Certified assessors administer the standardized tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Ten students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; seven graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Competency Based High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: William M. Jaap
Associate Coordinator of ABE
P.O. Box 2287
Austin, TX 78768
(512) 495-7343

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies, life skill assignments, GED results and previous high school credits. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 17 years old who have been out of school one year and Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate. Recruitment efforts consist of referrals from local high schools, military recruiters and former students. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: A certified counselor administers the TABE test.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred ninety students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one hundred graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Competency-Based High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Valeria A. Cooke
Director, Adult Learning Center
P.O. Box 1759
Victoria, TX 77902
(512) 575-2451

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units, competencies and life skills. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 19 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers and assesssors adminsters the standardized tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Forty-five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; forty-four graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Competency Based High School Program

CONTACT PERSON: Martha Sutherland
Co-op Director
4225 Pine Avenue
Waco, TX 76710
(817) 772-3103

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies and a History test is required to meet state standards. Completion of requirments is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Students 16 years old and older (school age must have recommendation of school) are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of military recruiters, newspapers, and high school counselors. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: The staff administers the locally designed tests.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty-four students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; nine graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Donald F. Vickers
Administrator, Adult Education
P.O. Box 20100
El Paso, TX 79998
(915) 533-9072

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 17 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of news media, social agencies and through school. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Assessors administers the tests.

CERTIFICATION: A state diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Three hundred students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; two-hundred and fifty graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Princeton I.S.D.

CONTACT PERSON: Joyce Carrell
Director, Community Education
P.O. Box 621
Princeton, TX 75077
(214) 736-3741

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies and must have passed the GED & score 9.0 on TABS. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 17 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of GED students, referrals from the counselor's office at high school. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: The Director administers the standardized test.

CERTIFICATION: A TEA Accredited diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; eight graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Modified Competency-Based High School Diploma Program

CONTACT PERSON: Vicente Mier
Chairperson, Adult and Continuing Education
Houston Community College
333 Fannin
Houston, TX
(713) 630-7283

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 17 years old and older (17 years old must have parental permission) are eligible to participate. Most referrals come from the military. The program is advertised in most institutional publications. The program is located in an urban area and the based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: The TABE test is administered by the administrators.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Ninety one students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; fifty-eight graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Competency Based High School Diploma

CONTACT PERSON: Georgia Green
Director of Adult Basic Education
Odessa College
201 W. University
Odessa, TX 79762
(915) 335-6577

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 19 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers or the Director administer the TABE test.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Twenty-five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; eleven graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Phase IV

CONTACT PERSON: Lane Murray
Superintendent
P.O. Box 40
Huntsville, TX 77340
(409) 291-5130

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults (incarcerated felons) are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in prison units.

ASSESSMENT: A state developed criterion-referenced competency measure administered as an exit exam will be adopted as soon as it is available. The state is establishing a procedure for competency testing.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Sixty-two students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; twenty-five graduated in program year 1934.

UTAH

PROGRAM TITLE: Provo Adult High School

CONTACT PERSON: Ronald E. Riding
Coordinator, Adult Programs
1125 North University Avenue
Provo, UT 84604
(801) 375-6006

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies. Carnegie units are time-based but the competency program is not.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Under 18 needs special permission. Contacts are made to non-graduates from previous years, and three mass mailings are made to communities each year. The program is located in an urban area and is based on the Texas APL model.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers or a testing aide administers the locally designed test.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Eighty five students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; ninety graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult Education

CONTACT PERSON: Dale Warner
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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on carnegie units and competencies.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of advertisement in newspapers and faculties. The program is located in an urban area.

ASSESSMENT: Teachers administers the locally designed test.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Approximately two hundred students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one hundred and thirty five graduated in program year 1984.

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PROGRAM TITLE: Vermont Adult Diploma Program (Statewide)

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements ar' based on 64 competencies and individual ski .. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults over 21 (exceptions are allowed for persons under 21 with waivers from the District awarding the diploma) are eligible to participate in the program. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Assessment specialists or assessor advisors administer the competency test.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred fifty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; one hundred and two graduated in program year 1984.

VIRGINIA

PROGRAM TITLE: Fairfax County's External Diploma Program

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on 64 competencies plus an individual competency.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 25 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of newspapers, referrals from ABE and word of mouth. The program is located in a suburban area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Assessors administers the criterion-referenced test.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and the same as that granted to regular high school graduates except signed by adult education principal.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Two hundred eighteen students were enrolled in the program in the fall of 1984; forty graduated in program year 1984.

PROGRAM TITLE: External Diploma Program

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on 64 competencies. Completion of requirements is not time-based.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 25 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Participant recruitment efforts consist of rehabilitation counselors in specific regions. The program is located in a rural area and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: The New York External program diagnostic and assessment instruments are administered by the assessors or advisors.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Thirteen students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; the program began July 1984.

WISCONSIN

PROGRAM TITLE: External High School Diploma Program

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Requirements are based on 65 competencies assessed through 5 major tasks and individual assessment requirements based on employment skills and experience. Completion of requirements is not time-based but recommended that it is completed within one year.

CHARACTERISTICS: Adults 18 years old and older are eligible to participate in the program. Recruitment efforts consist of newspapers, through the media or word of mouth. The program is located in urban, rural and suburban areas and is based on the New York External Diploma model.

ASSESSMENT: Assessors or advisors administers the New York External model test.

CERTIFICATION: A local diploma is issued and is the same as that granted to regular high school graduates.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: One hundred fifty students were enrolled in the fall of 1984; ninety graduated in program year 1984.

APPENDICES

PROJECT

ADULT PERFORMANCE LEVEL PROJECT (APL)

A competency-based system of education that combines the diagnosis, prescription, teaching, evaluation, and credentialing of life-coping skills.

target audience

Approved by JDRP as a program for general English-speaking population over 18. Curriculum materials for undereducated adults also have implications for elementary and secondary curricula, but no evidence of effectiveness has been submitted to or approved by the Panel.

description

Project research measured specified minimum competencies an adult must possess to function successfully.

Based on the objectives identified by APL research, a complete curriculum applies reading, writing, speaking-listening-viewing, computation, problem-solving, and interpersonal relations skills to the content areas of consumer economics, occupational knowledge, health, community resources, and government and law. For example, adults learn how to read job descriptions or open savings accounts. The curriculum provides the activities and materials needed to teach toward each of the APL life-coping skills objectives. Printed materials are supplemented with cassette tapes. A pre/post diagnostic instrument for each objective is also included.

The APL competency-based high school diploma program offers adults a relevant alternative to the conventional four-year high school program and to the General Educational Development Test (GED). Adults can earn a regular high school diploma by demonstrating competencies gained through life skills-oriented adult education programs in combination with those gained through experience. The basic steps to the competency-based diploma are: placement tests, the competency-based curriculum described above (if indicated by scores on placement tests), a series of life-skills activities, and demonstration of an entry-level job skill or postsecondary education skills or skills in home management/maintenance.

APL staff offer awareness, training, and follow-up technical assistance to adopters.

evidence of effectiveness

Program graduates demonstrate functional competence by scoring at APL level 3 in every objective within the five APL Content Areas, and by showing 100% competence in Life Skills Activities. Six-month follow-up surveys of graduates indicate higher levels of self-satisfaction. Graduates frequently recommend the program to others.

implementation requirements

The APL curriculum can be adopted by a unit as small as a single teacher. The APL Diploma Program can be adopted by a unit as small as two persons performing counseling, teaching, and assessing functions. Preimplementation training conducted by APL staff is required. Reassignment of existing personnel usually suffices.

financial requirements

Materials: Assessment materials available from Medis Systems, Inc. The full APL curriculum is available from Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.

services available

Awareness materials are available at no cost. Visitors are welcome anytime by appointment at project site and additional demonstration sites in home state and out of state. Project staff are available to attend out-of-state awareness meetings (costs to be negotiated). Training is conducted at project site (adopter pays only its own costs). Training is also available at adoptee site (trainer travel and per diem must be paid). Implementation and follow-up services are available to adoptees (costs to be negotiated).

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PROJECT NEW YORK STATE EXTERNAL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM (EDP)

A competency-based alternative high school credentialing program for adults.

target audience Approved by JDRP for English-speaking adult students over the age of 18.

description This is an alternative high school credentialing program for adults who have acquired skills through their life experience and who can demonstrate those skills in applied performance tests. The project's objective is to provide adults with an assessment and credentialing process that is an alternative to traditional diploma programs such as General Educational Development (GED). The program provides no instruction: it is an assessment system through which adults can earn a regular high school diploma. The program has two phases. In the first phase, diagnosis, the adult is tested on six diagnostic instruments that help him/her identify learning deficiencies in the basic skill areas. If a deficiency is identified, the adult is given a learning prescription and is sent to the community to utilize the learning resources available. After the deficiencies have been corrected, the adult enters the second phase, final assessment. In this phase, the adult must demonstrate 64 generalized competencies in the basic and life skill areas of communication, computation, self-awareness, social awareness, scientific awareness, occupational preparedness, and consumer awareness. The adult must also demonstrate an individualized competency in one of three skill areas: occupational, special, or advanced academic. The assessment system is an open testing system characterized by flexibility in time and location of testing. It offers adults the opportunity to demonstrate process skills through a variety of documentation forms. There is an explicit understanding and discussion of all required competencies. Graduates of the program are surveyed 10 months after they receive their diplomas to determine the impact that graduation has had on their lives. To date, graduates report an increased interest in continued learning; job promotions and raises; and increased self-esteem and self-confidence.

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evidence of effectiveness The age distribution of External Diploma participants reflects a significantly older population than the population served by the GED, indicating the EDP is highly successful in serving older adults. In determining the consistency of competency evaluations among staff assessors, an average agreement of 89.6% was established among the assessors. The program retention rate is 73.4%.

implementation requirements The New York State External High School Diploma Program can be adopted by a unit as small as three persons -- one advisor, one assessor, and one assessment assistant. A four-day training workshop for staff prior to program implementation is required, as is one inservice evaluation during the first year of operation.

financial requirements Materials: seven program manuals and one set of training materials must be purchased (contact project for cost). Equipment required is ordinarily found in an educational setting. Staffing: reassignment of existing personnel is possible.

services available Awareness materials are available at no cost. Visitors are welcome at project site and five additional home state sites by appointment. Project staff are available to attend out-of-state awareness meetings (costs to be negotiated). Training is also conducted at adopter site (costs to be negotiated). On-site technical assistance is provided to adopters (expenses are covered).

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